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settlement

I am a small software developer that is creating a product that would directly compete with Microsoft. From carefully reading the settlement, it is clear that with it in place I will have no chance of being able to fairly compete with Microsoft. They will never let me package my technology with Windows and if I did they would use their monopoly to crush me the same way the are attacking products that currently compete with their browser, media player, instant messenger, and digital media tools. I cannot get any financing for my venture because of this. I have to assume that some sort of deal was made between the Justice Department and Microsoft because it is inconceivable to think that the "experts" at Justice could be so ignorant to think that this will solve anything. Microsoft has never been able to introduce any home grown innovations. They steal or purchase their innovations. Pretty soon there will be no one left to steal from or buy out and Microsoft will be able to do as they please and tax the internet.

This is exactly why we need campaign finance reform legislation now. Microsoft bought this settlement.

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